

As the owner/operator of WCKW-AM, I am opposed to the FCC proposal to require the recording and retention of programming aired by broadcast stations. WCKW-AM is a class D daytime station, although we only transmit 500 watts, we serve a vital link for our African American community. As a religious programmed station, it would be financial suicide for us ever to have programming that would be considered indecent.

With a small staff, the expense of purchasing equipment for recording and then paying someone to keep track of these recordings would be a difficult expense to cover for a station of our size. I think it would be more appropriate for the FCC to record stations themselves than to shift the burden of enforcement onto licensees.

We exist to serve our community; we do so every day of the year. I hope that the Commission will consider the ramifications on all broadcasters, large and small during the rulemaking process.

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